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SUBJECT: FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

REF: STOCKHOLM 4486

1. FEDERATION IS REPUTABLE ORGANIZATION WHICH AS NAME SUGGESTS TIES TOGETHER VARIOUS NATIONAL-AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS IN EUROPE. CURRENT PRESIDENT IS CHABAN-DELMAS. VICE PRESIDENT IS BRUNO ORLANDO, A USIS LOCAL EMPLOYEE WHO RUNS THE ITALO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION IN TRIESTE.

2. STOCKHOLM PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE DIRECTOR PROBABLY REFERS TO A COMMUNICATION FROM H. PARSON, AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN IN ANTWERP, WHO IS TREASURER OF FEAO AND SECRETARY-TREASURER OF FEAO'S BICENTENNIAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.

3. COMMITTEE'S BICENTENNIAL PROJECT IS TO PRESENT A BIRTHDAY GIFT FROM EUROPE TO THE USA. THIS WOULD BE IN FORM OF A TORCH SYMBOLIZING COMMON HERITAGE AND TO BE RUN FROM NEW YORK TO
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WASHINGTON DURING WEEK OF APRIL 19-26 IN RELAYS BY A GROUP OF

30 RUNNERS.

4. PARSON AND A GROUP FROM MAASTRICHT, NETHERLANDS, ARE GUIDING SPIRITS OF THE PROJECT AND HAVE UNQUENCHABLE ENTHUSIASM THOUGH, APPARENTLY, MANY NATIONAL CHAPTERS OF FEAO TOO PREOCCUPIED OWN PROJECTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS. ROLE OF PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE COMMITTEE IN EACH COUNTRY IS TO PROVIDE ONE OF THE RUNNERS AND HIS EXPENSES IN U.S.

5. WHILE PROJECT IS RATHER FAR OUT, PARSON AND COMPANY HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS HERE AND IN U.S. AND JUST MIGHT PULL IT OFF. THEY ARE SINCERE AND SERIOUS.

6. DEPARTMENT'S BICENTENNIAL COORDINATOR AND WE HAVE SOME DOUBTS ABOUT WHETHER THEY WILL ACHIEVE ADEQUATE FINANCING (GOAL IS \$100,000), AND ARE HOLDING OFF RECOMMENDATION FOR ARBA RECOGNITION UNTIL FUNDING MORE FIRM. THEIR GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE FUNDING GUARANTEES BY END OF OCTOBER. MCINTOSH

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